

How to Apply

Print application from the website:

www.mass.gov/agr/programs/energy

 Call and request application be sent to you: 617-626-1706

Deadlines

Applications become available in April and must be submitted by June 30th

All responses that are favorably reviewed in the initial evaluation process will require a field visit prior to funding being awarded. A field visit does not assure funding for a project. Funding is subject availability.

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Project types vary year to year. Examples of past projects eligible for funding include:

I. Energy Efficiency:

- Dairy Energy Efficiency
 - Dairy plate coolers
 - Refrigeration heat recovery water tanks
 - Variable speed vacuum pumps
 - o Refrigeration equipment
- Greenhouses/Nursery Efficiency
 - Thermal Blankets
 - Roof Venting Modifications
 - Heating distribution modifications
 - Electronic controls
- ☐ High Efficiency Indoor Furnaces/Boilers
- Reverse Osmosis

II. Renewable Clean Energy Technology:

- Photovoltaics
- Wind
- Solar Thermal
- Geothermal
- □ Bio-fuel
- Anaerobic Digesters
- Biomass Thermal Boilers
- Outdoor Wood Boilers (OWB)

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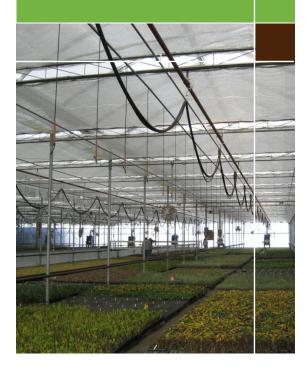
Grant Program Helping Agricultural Operations Improve Energy Effciency and Adopt Clean Energy Technologies





Purpose

The Massachusetts Agricultural Energy Grant Program (Ag-Energy) funds agricultural energy related projects in an effort to improve energy efficiency and to facilitate adoption of alternative clean energy farms. By funding these projects Massachusetts farms can become more sustainable and the Commonwealth can maximize the environmental and economic benefits from these technologies. Grants are Farms with less access to federal, state, and local utility energy efficiency incentives and grant programs are encouraged to apply.





Eligibility

Basic Requirements:

- Projects that support agricultural operations and/or who are themselves an agricultural operation as defined by M.G.L. 128-1A
- Legally recognized entities within the Commonwealth and have ability to enter a binding agreement with the Commonwealth
- Demonstrate the capacity to implement and administer projects as defined in the responsive proposal
- Demonstrate evidience of a match of dollars or of in-kind support to the funding requested in the proposal

Additional requirements can be found on the Ag-Energy application on the webpage: www.mass.gov/agr/programs/energy

Evaluation

Reponses are evaluated by awarding points based upon criteria. Some of the criteria considered may include:

- Supporting documentation in the form of energy audits, assessments, quotes, plans and specifications
- □ Project implementation schedule
- □ Identification of permit needs
- Identification of any on-going operation and maintenance and/or periodic replacement needs and how they will be accomplished to ensure project longevity
- ☐ Realistic opportunity to be a successful long term implementation given the expected life of the equipment and the resulting cost savings